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EDC HW 6

Diversity Assignment

When thinking about diversity and experiences in my life that made me aware of it, my experience working in a local beachside resort is the first thing that comes to mind. I worked as a server at an outdoor restaurant which was primarily staffed by college students like me who were financially stable, came from a solid upbringing, and got paid well. My experience with diversity at work stems from my experience with the kitchen staff and the housekeeping staff. When I was a bus boy my first year there I was constantly running from the dining area to the kitchen delivering dirty dishes to the kitchen. While I was doing this I had to communicate with the dishwashers who were not from the area and most of them were immigrants to the United States. A lot of them didn’t speak English which made communication tough and also formed a language barrier. Being open-minded though helped me build a better relationship with the dish washers and I was able to connect with them and have a better work experience. On days when it rained and I got called off from working outside, I would volunteer to work with housekeeping in the resort as well. The employees there were generally Hispanic women who a few spoke English but most of them didn’t. A lot of them were not used to seeing a white college student who was the face of the restaurant do housekeeping work. When you be open with people who generally you would just shy away from you learn a lot about a culture and learn to have more patience and understanding.